

# News Release

## *Patuxent Research Refuge*

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### **Early Closure of Cash Lake Fishing at Patuxent Research Refuge**

Patuxent Research Refuge will be drawing down (draining) Cash Lake from now through the end of September. The purpose of this draw down is two-fold. Refuge staff will be inspecting and making any necessary repairs to the dam and water control structure that maintains Cash Lake. Additionally, the draw down will cause vegetation to die off, which aids in open water maintenance to support quality fishing programs for the public.

In recent years, the refuge has been able to extend the fishing season at Cash Lake by opening earlier in the spring, and by allowing access from sunrise to sunset. The current schedule for Cash Lake is April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>, sunrise to sunset. However, due to scheduled maintenance needs we anticipate that Cash Lake will close in the near future. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and remind anglers that they are still able to fish at the North Tract through the remainder of year.

For more information regarding fishing opportunities, including information license and permits, please visit <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/fishing.html>

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off of Powder Mill Road, between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197, south of Laurel, MD. North Tract is located off the Baltimore- Washington Parkway, Exit towards Rte. 198, Fort Meade.

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